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May 26, 2017  
Philadelphia, PA  
6523 Landsdowne Ave 1915  
Lewis C. Cassidy Academics  
Plus Elementary School

Dear State Senator Vincent Hughes,

Philadelphia schools need \$4.5 billion for all of our 12,000 school repairs. So we are now poor and need more money. We get \$1.1 billion every 5 years. But where will we get the money from? Maybe we can take the money from Donald Trump's wall and use it for schools. Our Philadelphia District Schools need it! I want to persuade you so you can help us. Students need better school environments so they have a good school to work in. We need to rebuild Philadelphia District Schools. We need to stop the unfair funding formula. Please support us in our project to help for our needs.

Students can't learn the right other normal schools do. As a student at Cassidy I think that I need a great opportunity to learn. We need good technology like more computers, tablets for each student at each school and other technology that can help us learn better. Everyday I go to school I feel like I'm in a prison or a junkyard. Why does the color of the students' skin matter how much money we get for our school? I think that underfunding is wrong, in my opinion. My school is always dirty everywhere. We have no playground outside, just a blank yard. I want good lunches and breakfast. I want a clean school everyday. I want a real playground. We need more and deserve more!!! Our school is getting

bigger with students, staff, and teachers. We have K-7 grade now next year we will have K-8 grade. My school is getting bad.

Help us rebuild Philadelphia District schools so we have what we need. We need more school supplies like text books, note books, pencils, crayons, markers, folders, paper, and more. It's not fair how they share the school money! Please help us anyway you can we really need it!!!

Why did people make the unfair funding formula? We need to stop it! I want to learn! I hope you can answer my questions. We need a change. We can't learn or live like this!

My school Lewis C. Cassidy Academics Plus Elementary School is the worst school in underfunding. It needs \$26 million to repair and \$32 million to rebuild and it is 96 years old. We shouldn't go to an old school that is dirty. That's why we need to rebuild it. We want to work with the governor of Pennsylvania that wants to fix this inequitable problem. We have only 6 percent of the money that goes to the fair funding formula and the rest is distributed through the unfair funding formula. They pay less money for the students of other districts because of our race and skin color.

My class and I work for the Young Heroes Outreach Program or Y.H.O.P. and our project is to stop underfunding. We are working really hard! We have a chance to change underfunding. We will make a petition, go on marches and protests, make signes.

and flyers, and go to Harrisburg to meet with  
senators like you and talk to do everything we can  
With your help me and anyone else we will stop  
underfunding forever!

P.S. Thank you for your help in advance!

Sincerely,  
Chelsea Mungo

Lewis C Cassidy Elementary  
6523 Lansdowne Ave  
Philadelphia, PA  
19151

Dear Senator Hughes

I am writing this letter  
to tell you about Cassidy in how  
Cassidy is underfunded Cassidy  
is the number one school that  
need fixers and the reason  
you we need fixers is because  
the steps outside are breaking  
and the gear are rusty.

And there are leaks come  
from the siding and also  
all of the bathroom are  
dirty and it stinks in there  
and some time the heater  
doesn't work.

And also one time in the  
lunch room the Seling file Dow  
And other Thaing in my School  
Cassidy They Brack like glass  
OF OF class room DORS.

And I Thank That we  
Should get The same  
Thing as Lower Merion  
Has Because it is not  
fear That we Dont have more  
Thin one Corembok and we only  
Have 4 in each class room.

And I Have a resy in Wi y  
I Thank That you Should  
help ous in my resy is  
That you Should help ous  
becunse if we make are  
School Clean and not bert  
aney more.

Sincerely  
Clarra Gedeo



Lewis C. Cassidy Elementary  
6523 Lansdown Ave  
Phila, PA 19151  
May 26, 2017 - June 6, 20

Dear Senator Hughes,

Senator Hughes I am writing this letter in need of money and support for my school, Cassidy, on 65<sup>th</sup> Street.

Senator Hughes, we need your money and support because our school is the number 1 worst school ever. Our school cost 35 million dollars to replace.

Senator Hughes, we need your support because our school is where I go and my school is struggling with underfunding.

A student's color matter's more than a student's education. We have stuff falling from the ceiling and we also have broken steps. One time my sister's teacher Ms. Williams,

almost fell and broke her back.

Senator Hughes, our boy's bathroom is stinky and it smells like pee. Other boys on the Second Floor wet paper Towels.

When I come to school, it feels like I'm in Jail because people are threatening to kill me and also cursing.

Senator Hughes, if you are reading this letter, I want you to know that this is important because this is the truth of what happening is our school.

Senator Hughes, in our school yard It's not that Junky because we don't have anything in it. we need your help!

Respectfully,  
Jihad Ellis



595 mine@teWood Room 302

Dear Seniors, the  
reason why this is  
important is - it  
because my school is  
the most interesting  
school in the area and  
the school need a better  
bath room and lunch room.

and the school's bath room  
has a roach and the  
school has bug problem  
for some air and we wish  
that you can help us.

The school have a  
rat problem and the lunch  
room needs the best  
and the school need to  
be clean.

and the school has a  
and we need a new  
bath room and a new  
lunch room and we need  
a new school

The Sch need and new  
Lunch and bath room  
and the school need help from  
you.

See you soon  
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Lewis.C.Cassidy  
6523 Lansdowne Ave  
Phila, PA 19151  
May 30, 2017

Dear Senator Hughes,

Why do I want to change stuff in my school Lewis.C.Cassidy? It's because of the rat that was dead in the lunch room last month. So can you help us get money for our bath room it's disgusting and the lunch room needs repair's big time.

Our School Lewis.C.Cassidy is being underfunded by the government. We need money for full repair's, maybe a new school.

Some times when I go to school and I go to the bathroom, I feel like I'm in a jail cell.

Why do I feel this way? It's because of the way the condition of the school is. It's in bad shape. I can give you a list of stuff that needs repair's.

A list of things that  
I want to change in my school,  
Lewis. Cassidy is our class  
room, the filthy basement,  
the play ground, and the  
technologise.

Who will pay \$20 million  
to repair and \$32 million to  
replace everything in our  
school. Lewis. Cassidy? We need  
your help senator! Help us  
to stop underfunding.

Respectfully,  
Shelston Louis

Lewis C. Cassidy  
6523 Lansdown Ave  
Phila PA 19151  
June 8, 2017

Dear Senator Hughes,

Senator Hughes, this is Cassidy Elementary School on 65<sup>th</sup> and Lansdown and Class room 302. The Bathroom, the lunchroom is horrible and the lack of the Electronics. And it's unfair the school been like this for years.

The Bathroom are disgusting. The Bathroom Stinks. It smells horrible and their always pee on the floor. It never have no tishoe, napkins, or soap And their always something broke.

The lunch room I remeber when the Celining was broke. And I think we need better lunch. The floor is always sticky from juic and stuff.

Electronics. It's unfair how we get 4 dusty chrome books and Lawmeryn get ipads and stuff. And theirs no good wi-fi bec the wi-fi is always acting up.

Senator Hughes, if you are reading this letter, I want you to know that this is important because this is the truth of what heppens in our school. Senator Hughes, in our school yard It's not that junky becuse we don't have anything in it. we

need your help!

Respectfully,  
Dayshin Oliver



Lewis C. Cassidy  
Elementary  
6523 Lansdowne Ave.  
Phila., PA 19151

May 26, 2017

Dear Senator Hughes,

May I have your attention please!

We need your help for our school. The bathrooms are dirty and stinky. The closets and radiators are dirty. And everytime I go to school it feels like I'm in jail.

We need help to help our school. Our school is rated #1 in School disrepairs. We need alot of funding to fix our school.

We want you to support our school. Our school is struggling with underfunding and school disrepairs. We need a playground.

My issue is that the color of student's skin matters even more. We are not getting enough funding to fix our school. We need lots and lots of cleaning.

Our school, Lewis C. Cassidy is in need of fixing. Like the bathrooms, closets, and lunchrooms. We want our school to be clean.

Sincerely,  
Braheem Anaker

Asaan

The pipes are broke and one broke in the  
closet and pipe stuff was getting  
wet and bad bag and there new stuff

We got people getting sick and people  
throwing up and teacher was sick and  
Caleb was out

Respectfully

Asaan

Lewis Cassioff Elementary  
6523 Lansdown Ave  
philadelphia, Pa. 19151  
May 30, 2017

Dear Senator Hughes

We need money for our school. Our school is the top school that needs work. It's affecting our learning. We are having a hard time. We have nasty bath rooms no soap, no toilet paper,

We have toilet paper stuck to the roof and the girls bath room stinks. It smells like feet in there and in the boys bath room. It smells like feet.

Teachers should get paid more to buy what they need and to pay bills and to get stuff for themselves and to get what they really want 40 dollars 400 dollars.

We need money for a playground and we need a basket ball court and swing and a base ball to play on.

Dear Senator Hughes,

Lewis Cass /dy Elmment  
6523 Lansdowne Ave.  
Phil. PA 19151 May 30  
2017

Can you please help us? We need funding for a better school. It's like the school is falling apart. We need more funding because the bathroom smells nasty, I don't like the lunch, and the heaters don't work.

The bathroom smells very very nasty! Pee is all over the floor. The toilets are filled with milk and the sinks are dirty.

The lunch is bad. I never eat it because it's unhealthy. Nobody drinks the milk. They mostly have this nasty pizza.

The heaters barely work. In the winter we're freezing. We had our coat on every day of the winter.

My conclusion is, we need more funding. We need money to fix the bathroom, the lunch, the heaters, and other things! Please help us get more funding.

Respectfully  
Dean Clark

Lewis Cassidy Elementary  
6523 Lansdowne Avenue  
Phila., PA 19151  
May 26, 2017

Dear Senator Hughes,

We need help! I'm writing this letter about Pennsylvania schools under funding. I am a student at Cassidy Elementary and our school is dirty and the technology is not enough for every student in a class. Also, the lunchrooms and the dirty bathrooms are nasty. The whole school is smelling dirty air and it is nasty.

When you walk in the school you will know that we don't have that many supplies. In every class room, there's only a little bit of technology for everybody to use. There are 24 students in my classroom and I's only 4 computers.

When they serve food, (go on) → it comes out of the gym and



that's where we play and run. When everyone was eating, the ceiling almost fell on us. It was dirty and nasty, how we was eating in the lunch room. All the 4<sup>th</sup> graders eat together and the lunchrooms are small for every body to eat in.

Also kids and teachers are walking around the school building smelling toxic air. It is bad for kids and teachers smelling air like that. Some teachers had to put masks on their faces because of the smell.

This letter I'm writing to you is important because of the Pennsylvania schools under funding. Please help us. A student's color matters more than the student's school work. We need more funding!

Sincerely,  
Mojorah

May 30, 2017

Lower Cassidy Elementary  
6523 Lansdowne Ave.  
Phila, PA 19151  
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Dear Senator Hughes,

I'm a student of Cassidy Elementary. My school is unequal because we are underfunded. Our technology, broken equipment, and toxic air in the building that make us different from the rest.

Lower Merion high school can borrow their own computer but in Cassidy we don't get to use our own computers. We have to use dusty old computers everyday. All schools have to have the same amount which is fair so color doesn't matter.

My classmates had to put our bookbag on our chair for 2 months and heater dripped on my jacket. People need cleaners to clean up the trash and dirt when it's dirty everywhere. We need to get fixers to fix the classrooms when it's broken.

People was fixing something in my school and it created toxic air that made people sick like my go on teacher was sick for three days. →

Senator Hughes our school can be better by these three things technology, broken equipment and toxic air. Cassidy want these things and "Why is because our school is underfunded. I can make our school better."

Sincerely,  
Basir

May 30, 2017  
6523 Lansdowne  
Lewis C. Cassidy  
Elementary

Dear Senator Hughes,

Philadelphia Schools need  
4.5 billion for all 330 schools repair.  
Our school is poor and needs more money.  
Out of all schools, Lewis C. Cassidy is the  
worst! Stop the underfunding because we  
need a new school. Our bathrooms, lunchroom,  
and school yard are disgusting!

In the girls bathroom,  
there's no toilet paper to wipe  
yourself with. There's pee on the  
floors, writing on the walls, and people  
standing on the toilet seat. The smell  
makes me feel sick.

In the lunchroom, under  
the tables, sometimes are dead  
mice. There's milk on the floor and  
people step in it. While you're eating  
there are bugs and other nasty  
things on the floor.

Outside in our yard, there's  
nothing for us to play on. There's  
no grass out in the yard. We play

in a plain yard made of concrete  
and you get hurt alot.

We need your help!  
That's why I feel that our school  
need more funding. There's no  
way anybody should feel that they're  
in prison from 8:30 Am to 3:10  
Pm. It effects our learning in a  
negative way!

Sincerely,  
Sarai Beal

Lewis Cassidy Elementary  
6523 Lansdowne Ave  
Phila, PA 19151

May 31, 2017

Dear Senator Hughes,

Our school needs the most  
repairing in Philadelphia. Please  
help us to fix our school.  
The bathroom stinks in there.  
There is no toilet paper in the  
bathroom or soap in the  
bathroom.

Our lunchroom needs to  
be cleaned because it is not  
as clean and they have  
bad food there.



There is nothing to  
do in the school yard so  
how about a playground?  
The school yard is like a  
junk yard.

People are running in the  
Hall way. When they just  
painted, people draw on the walls.  
People break windows in classrooms.

Please help our school  
because our school needs  
it the most! So please  
help our school.

Sincerely,  
Tashara Hamman

NASIR Buttaw  
Room 302

Dear Senator Hughes

I'm a student from Lewis Cassid.  
And my school need some help!  
We don't have a nice school. Our  
Bathrooms are nasty and messy. Because  
People mess it up. If our bathrooms  
were nice. People would not mess it up.

Our chrome books are dusty & old. If something  
breaks all they do is patch it up. We have air pollution  
in this building, we students are getting sick from  
this stuff. It's cracks in the walls, glass breaking  
when we close the doors. Our gym room  
don't have a lot of stuff to use. Lawn-  
mower have of stuff, they take laptops home

Like I said again. The school can probably breakdown  
anytime soon. Our door are broken, broken  
computers & leaking heaters, we had to keep  
our books on the back of our chairs for  
seven hours.

Our School Yard does not have anything to Play/  
With. all they did was Paint the Ground. It's  
Fights out there.

Would've Your child Was in this School, and You  
did not have another School For him, or, her too go  
too. the Students can't learn around these things.

FROM: NASIR BARROW.

LEWIS Cassidy  
Elementary  
6523 Lansdowne  
Ave Phila, Pa  
19151

May 31, 2017

Dear Senator Hughes,

Our school system is the worst. We are the top school in disrepair. We need your help.

Senator Hughes, our bathrooms are disappointing. The reason why is because people pee on the floor and draw on the wall.

Senator Hughes, our school is broken in disrepair. We have exposed pipes, mice running everywhere.

Senator Hughes, I feel like I'm in jail. I want you to help us get our fair share of money.

It is not fair for Lower Merion to get

Let me all the good stuff,

Sincerely,

BRADY

5/11/05

Lewis Cassidy Elementary  
6523 Lonsdowne Ave.  
Phila, Pa 19151

May 30, 2017

Dear Senator Hughes

I am writing this letter to  
you in need of money for our  
school. Apparently, the color  
of a student's skin matters  
more than their education.

Just because we are predominantly  
a black school doesn't mean we  
deserve less funding than any other  
school, white or black. We have  
broken doors, pipe leaks, bugs,  
and less electronics.

We have mice, bugs, ants  
and flies. Plaster is falling off the  
wall.



We were breathing toxic air when the construction people were fitting a heater. It was mold on everything in our closet when they were finished fitting our pipe leaks. So we couldn't go in the closet for 2 months!

We have less electronics unlike other Merions. We have 14 dusty Chrome books and less cell phones.

My reason that I am writing this letter to you is because Cassidy Elementary is a underfunded school and we need your help to make our school great again. I write this letter to you in respect.

Respectfully,  
Makhi Chamberlain

May 30, 2017

Lewis C. Cassidy Elementary

6523 Lansdowne Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19151

Dear Senator Hughes,

I'm a student at Cassidy Elementary, and we're suffering with unbearable conditions. We are listed number one in Philadelphia's schools with disrepair. Our school has cracked floors, horrible lunches, a concrete yard, bugs, and rodents. They only pay \$13,000 per student in our district but for suburban districts they pay up to \$30,000.

Other students and I are uncomfortable with the school. We can't learn because we're either too hot or too cold because of the broken heater and no air conditioning. The bathrooms are so bad the kids don't use them and end up peeing on themselves and they smell so bad they sometimes make people's eyes water. The classrooms are so dusty that you'll be coughing and sneezing all day.

Toxic fumes the air in the school are so bad they've made people sick for one to two weeks. One time they were welding while we were in class and the teachers had to wear masks.

The lunches they have are the worst food I've ever tasted. Sometimes it makes students barf or use the stinking bathrooms. The food is so cheap that the food is frozen until it's time for lunch. Occasionally the food is wet or cold even though they heat it up. One time a kid found a roach in their milk.

Our school is in really bad condition. This letter was to ask for your support in our march for educational equality. Hopefully you can appreciate this letter and help us change our school.

SINCERELY,  
REESE DAVIS